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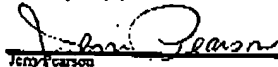
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") dated June 27, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on the grounds that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance.